

Reviewer Information:

North Carolina is continually seeking to improve the quality of early childhood programs in our state, and one strategy we have adopted is to implement requirements for programs to use an approved curriculum. The Child Care Commission has established a process to review and approve curricula that programs can use to meet these requirements. The Division of Child Development and Early Education also recognizes the importance of formative assessments to guide teachers' planning and since formative assessments must be used in NC Pre-K programs, the Division has decided to update the list of recommended formative assessments.

The primary purpose of the curriculum and formative assessment review process is to create a list of approved curricula for four-year-old classrooms, including NC Pre-K and a list of formative assessments for NC Pre-K classrooms. The curriculum and formative assessment review process will use the criteria listed on the curriculum tab of the DCDEE website. Dr. Pamela Shue, the Director of the Division of Child Development and Early Education, has agreed to serve as the chairperson for the committee, and will provide leadership for the process.

Your responsibilities as a Review Committee member will be to participate in partial and full group, four full day meetings November 14-17 at the Division located at 820 Boylan Avenue, Raleigh 27603 to review materials that are submitted. Committee members typically work in pairs or small groups to complete the review.

The Division, in turn, will provide you state rate hotel accommodations for up to 5 nights as well as the state stipend for meals. If you are a teacher or a director of a child care program your program will be given a substitute stipend of \$15 an hour for a teacher or \$25 an hour for an administrator for the time spent conducting reviews up to 40 hours.

It is important for committee members to participate each day. We will discuss the criteria to be used to approve curricula and formative assessments the first day as well as the process for the review.

If you are a teacher or administrator and would like to participate as a reviewer, please send an email to laura.hewitt@dhhs.nc.gov with the following information:

- Name
- Professional position related to early childhood
- Name and address of employer
- Supervisor's name and contact information
- Years of experience in the early childhood field
- Degree, if applicable
- Resume, if applicable
- Telephone number
- Email
- Address

The Division will semi-randomly select three administrators and six teachers to participate.

Thank you in advance for your service to the early childhood system in North Carolina!